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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

the specification of which ☐ is attached hereto ☒ was filed on July 30, 1999 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. 09/363,655 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on July 30, 1999
and which has been accorded Application No. 09/363,655

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